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SUBJ: RADIO LIBERTY - BAD PRESS ARTICLE

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1. ON THE EVE OF DAVID ABSHIRE'S ARRIVAL, THE MORNING "ARRIBA" (NATIONAL MOVEMENT) PUBLISHED ANOTHER FLEIX ORTEGA ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK ENTITLED "U.S. BLACKMAIL AGAINST MADRID." THE ARTICLE BEGINS BY SAYING THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE WASHINGTON GOVT WILL USE THE SPANISH/U.S. TREATY AS AN ELEMENT OF PRESSURE TO SECURE THE MAINTENANCE IN SPANISH TERRITORY OF A RADIO STATION IDENTIFIED PUBLICLY BY THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. AS FINANCED, MANAGED, AND CONTROLLED BY THE CIA. IT ADDS THAT ABSHIRE, THE HEAD OF BIB, (IN RALITY ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE USG) WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW AS A NEGOTIATOR. BUT HIS MESSAGE IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT. IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A BILATERAL TREATY WILL BE OPENLY UTILIZED IN ORDER TO PRESSURE SPANISH EXTERNAL POLICIES.

2. IT DESCRIBES RADIO LIBERTY AS AN INSTATION OF THE IDEOLOGICAL WAR MADE ILLEGAL BY HELSINKI AND SAYS SPAIN'S UNWILLINGNESS TO RENEW IT WOULD BE A GESTURE OF POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

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3. ORTEGA SAYS THAT "IF THE CIA" WISHES TO BROADCAST TO THE SOVIET UNION IT SHOULD DO SO FROM ANOTHER TERRITORY, AS ITS PRESENCE IN SPAIN IS A RISK AND PUTS IN QUESTION TOTALLY THE POSSIBILITIES OF NORMALIZATION WITH THE "SOCIALIST BLOC". HE RECALLS HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SOVIET DIPLOMATS (REF) AND SAYS RADIO LIBERTY REPRESENTS AN INSOLUBLE OBSTACLE TO NORMALIZATION. ORTEGA RETURNS TO THE CIA THEME AGAIN CLAIMING RADIO LIBERTY IS UNDER THE COVER OF DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, AND THUS CAN MAINTAIN THE COLD WAR WHILE THE USG PURSUES DETENTE. HE DESCRIBES RADIO LIBERTY AS A FORM OF "DIRTY TRICKS".

4. ORTEGA CONCLUDES THAT SPAIN CANNOT TOLERATE THIS BLACKMAIL AND THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN ABSHIRE ARRIVES.

5. IN THE FACE OF THIS BLATANTLY FALSE ARTICLE, WE HAVE ARRANGED AN INTERVIEW FOR MICKLESON TODAY WITH THE EDITOR OF PYRESA'S FOREIGN NEWS SERVICE, IN ORDER TO REFUTE THE MISREPRESENTATIONS IN ORTEGA'S ARTICLE. WE HOPE THE INTERVIEW WILL BE CARRIED, BUT MUST NOTE THAT ORTEGA'S ARTICLE IS QUITE DAMAGING.
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